

Accessing CM/ECF

The following instructions will guide you in the basic use of a browser to log onto Electronic Case Files (ECF). You must use Netscape Navigator software version 4.7 or higher or Internet Explorer 5. Due to security a Netscape Navigator session can only be established using Netscape Navigator 4.7. DO NOT USE America On Line's version of Netscape Navigator, or a version lower than 4.7.

- STEP 1** On your PC desktop, access **Netscape Navigator** or **Internet Explorer** by clicking on the icon. (See Netscape, **Figure 1a**, or Internet Explorer **Figure 1b**).



Netscape Communicator.lnk

Figure 1a



Internet Explorer.lnk

Figure 1b

- STEP 2** After the **NETSCAPE NAVIGATOR** or **INTERNET EXPLORER** screen displays on your monitor enter the URL for the ECF document filing system or training database.

- ▶ To access the **LIVE** database, enter
<https://ecf.akb.uscourts.gov>
- ▶ To access the **TRAINING** database, enter
<https://ecf-train.akb.uscourts.gov>

STEP 3 The **WELCOME TO U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA** page displays on your monitor.

- ☐ Select the **Document Filing System** hyperlink

STEP 4 The **ECF/PACER LOGIN** screen displays.

- ☐ Enter the ECF login and password that you received when you registered to be an Electronic Case Files participant. This is the login you'll use to electronically file documents.

OR

- ☐ Enter your PACER login and password to view electronic case files.

STEP 5 The ECF Main menu bar displays **(See Figure 1.)**



Figure 1

- ☐ Select one of the five options on the menu bar to open cases, file documents, query cases, run reports, maintain your user account in utilities, or to logout
- ☐ For further information on each of these categories, click the yellow question mark **?** help icon.

STEP 6 To **LOGOUT** of the ECF system:

- ☐ Click on the **Logout** button on the Menu Bar.
- ☐ To close the browser, click the close icon, or the X in the top right corner of the Menu bar.